



Family Safety Center

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Hope for victims. Healing for families.

Dear Family Safety Center Supporter,

If you've been anywhere near a piece of technology within the past few weeks, you've probably seen the infamous [dress](#). Shortly after the debate over the color of this dress took the Internet by storm, the Salvation Army placed its own spin on the dress as a powerful ad campaign against DV. In a recent [interview with WREG](#), FSC's Vernetta Eddleman and Gwen Turner discuss this new ad campaign and how it could lead to conversations about issues much more serious than color.

As you see reminders like this ad in the future, we urge you to be aware of this ever-present danger. The 'colors' of DV are always present - sometimes it just takes a change in perspective to recognize them.

Sincerely,
Olliette Murry-Drobot
Executive Director

Alternative Legal Assistance

If you are in need of legal assistance but are unable to

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Save the Date: Golf Tournament Benefiting FS

Monday, Oct. 12
8 a.m.

Ridgeway Country Club
For more information about
sponsorships or playing in the
tournament, please contact Mab
Hudson at
mable@familysafetycenter.org.

Domestic Violence Exists i Memphis and Shelby County

The **Memphis Police**
Department's Real Time Crime

afford an attorney, here's a list of various resources throughout the greater Memphis area that can assist you with free advice and legal consultation.

Please note: Legal clinics may not be held on or around holidays or during inclement weather. Learn of any cancellations by calling Memphis Area Legal Services' information line 24/7 at 901-523-8823.

Attorney of the Day Program

140 Adams Ave., Memphis, TN 38103

Room 134

Every Thursday

Class begins at 1:30 p.m., but please arrive between 12:30 and 1 p.m. as seats are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Saturday Legal Clinic - Shelby County residents

Benjamin Hooks Library

3030 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38111

Second Saturday of the month

Class begins at 10 a.m., but please arrive between 9:30 and 10 a.m. as seats are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Saturday Legal Clinic - Fayette, Lauderdale & Tipton

County residents

March 28, May 30, July 25, Sept. 26

First Presbyterian Church

403 S. Main St., Covington, TN 38019

Class begins at 11 a.m., but please arrive between 10:30 and 11 a.m. as seats are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Here are some additional websites and hotlines that can help you find alternative legal assistance.

- Call 1-888-253-4259, a free legal resource. Leave a voicemail, and you will receive a return phone call from a licensed attorney.
- Visit www.TNjustice.org for free advice from a private attorney.
- Visit www.memphisbar.org to locate private attorneys in the Memphis area.

Center reported **1,153** domestic violence offenses in December, at the **Shelby County Sheriff's Office** Domestic Violence and Sex Crimes Unit reported **101** DV incidents, **23** arrests and **35** memos.

These cases included assaults, vandalisms, burglary, violations of order of protection, threatening and harassment phone calls, stalking, documented verbal argument memos and weapons law violations.

Upcoming Victim Service Events and Support Group Meetings

Free HIV Testing at FSC

Mondays, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Domestic Violence Review and Response Team

Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

FSC conference room

For more information, contact Vernetta Eddleman at vernetta@familysafetycenter.org

Exchange Club Family Center Support Group

Thursdays from noon to 1:30 p.m.
FSC

Fatality Review Meeting

Last Tuesday of each month
2 p.m.
FSC conference room

Other Upcoming Events

FSC wants to help your organization get the word out about your programs, even

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We'd like to give a special thanks to the Power to Exhale Memphis Chapter Divas for your wonderful donations that will truly help make a difference in the lives of the people we serve daily!

DV in the News

Mary Kay's Global Beauty Day

On March 8, DV survivors in Miami; Washington, D.C.; New York; and Los Angeles were given surprise makeovers from Mary Kay in celebration of International Women's Day. Mary Kay's Global Day of Beauty gave DV victims a day of pampering and beauty. Mary Kay hopes this day shows victims they are special, beautiful and deserve to be respected and loved. To learn more about Mary Kay's Global Beauty Day, click [here](#).

DV Leading Cause of Homelessness

Studies linking DV and homelessness have found that 92 percent of homeless women have experienced severe physical or sexual abuse, and 63 percent of those women have been victims of violence. Victims often escape with their children and the clothes on their back and flee to another city, resulting in loss of job, home, personal items or family and friends to help them. To read more about this study, click [here](#).

initiatives, etc. If you have any news tl you would like to share, please forward Mable Hudson at mable@familysafetycenter.org. The information will be included in upcoming newsletters.

Red Zone Mix and Mingle

Every fourth Thursday
from 5 to 7 p.m.

Automatic Slims

83 S. 2nd St., Memphis, TN 38101

[Learn more here.](#)

Order of Protection Sessions

What to Expect at the Hearing

Hosted by FSC, Memphis Area Legal Services and Cocaine and Alcohol Awareness Program Inc.

March 19, 2 p.m. (MALS)

March 25, 2 p.m. (CAAP)

April 16, 2 p.m. (MALS)

FSC Conference Room

[Learn more here.](#)

Immigrant Services Working Group Meeting

March 16, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

FSC conference room

We will discuss the availability and array of services for immigrant victims and their families. If you have anything you would like to discuss at the meeting contact Vernetta Eddleman at 901-222-4485.

Shimmy Mob

Saturday, May 9 at noon

Location TBD

Shimmy Mob is an international organization that uses bellydance flash mobs and fundraisers to raise awareness and funds for various charities around the globe. Sign up for Shimmy Mob 2015 at shimmymob.com. DV survivors interested in participating, contact Olliette Murry-Drobot at olliette@familysafetycenter.org

FSC On the Air

1 in 5 Teenage Girls Experience Dating Violence

A new study by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has shown that 1 in 5 teenage girls have experienced some form of teenage dating violence. In the study, 9,990 students were asked whether they had been physically abused while in a relationship or if they had been forced to do sexual acts they didn't want to while dating someone. Up to 20 percent of girls said they had been in one or both of those situations. To learn more about the study on teenage dating violence, click [here](#).

FSC and The Blueprint for Safety

In our last newsletter, we introduced you to The Blueprint for Safety, a new comprehensive response to DV that will utilize best practices for DV cases, from the time a call is received by law enforcement to follow-up resources for victims.

In a recent Memphis Flyer article, FSC Executive Director Olliette Murry-Drobot discussed the company's role in helping implement and sustain this vital initiative. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

Meet Our Partners



There are many partner agencies that work with FSC to serve victims of domestic violence.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Family Safety Center of Memphis and Shelby County

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1750 Madison Ave., Suite 600
Memphis, TN 38104
901-222-4400

[Forward this email](#)



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WLOK 1340 AM Broadcast - "Let's Talk About It" (Family Fridays)



FSC is co-hosting a radio show with WLOK's Bobbi Thompson every Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. If you have a program, initiative or event that impacts or would benefit families and you're interested in being a guest on the show, contact

Mable at mable@familysafetycenter.org or call 901-222-4403. Check out our Facebook page for a list of guests for upcoming shows.

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